

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07D413/14 A61K31/422 A61P31/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2003 027083 A (MERCK & CO., INC., USA; KYORIN PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.) 3 April 2003 (2003-04-03) claim 6; example 134 ---	1, 9-14, 21-23
X	WO 99 64417 A (ZENECA LIMITED, UK) 16 December 1999 (1999-12-16) Claims and compounds of ex. 3, 11, 13, 15, 17, 26, 28, 31, 32, 34, 59, 131, 133, 137 and 167. ---	1, 9-14, 21-23
X	WO 97 30995 A (ZENECA LTD., UK; GRAVESTOCK, MICHAEL BARRY) 28 August 1997 (1997-08-28) cited in the application  claims, compounds of examples 12-13, 25-26, 37-38 and several compounds of table A p. 79 and table B p.81-82 --- -/--	1, 2, 6, 9-15, 19, 21-24, 28, 30-32

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
  
Although claims 11-20 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-7(part), 9-34(part)  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

### Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-7(part), 9-34(part)

Claims 1-7 and 9-34, in as far as the expressions "prodrugs" and "metabolites" are explicitly or implicitly concerned, is so unclear (Article 6 PCT) that a meaningful international search is impossible with regard to these expressions.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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